

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A computer based system automatically gathers, analyzes, and delivers information relating to the procurement and utilization of a plurality of such assets, such as a fleet of industrial equipment, so as to maximize productivity and to reduce operating costs and administrative burdens. The system can incorporate predefined rules which include business policies and government regulations in order to track and enforce authorization requirements relating to a particular asset. Unauthorized users can be prevented from using an asset, or the system can be configured to merely identify unauthorized users and uses by generating the appropriate reports. User authorization can include user training and other certification characteristics. The system can be configured to automatically schedule the training required to preserve and enhance user certifications. If an outside entity is relied on for training, the system can automatically generate an invoice for such training. The system can provide online training sessions. Authorization requirements (including government requirements such as OSHA regulations), product safety information, and other online materials can be incorporated into the system. The system can be incorporated into a comprehensive asset management system.

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